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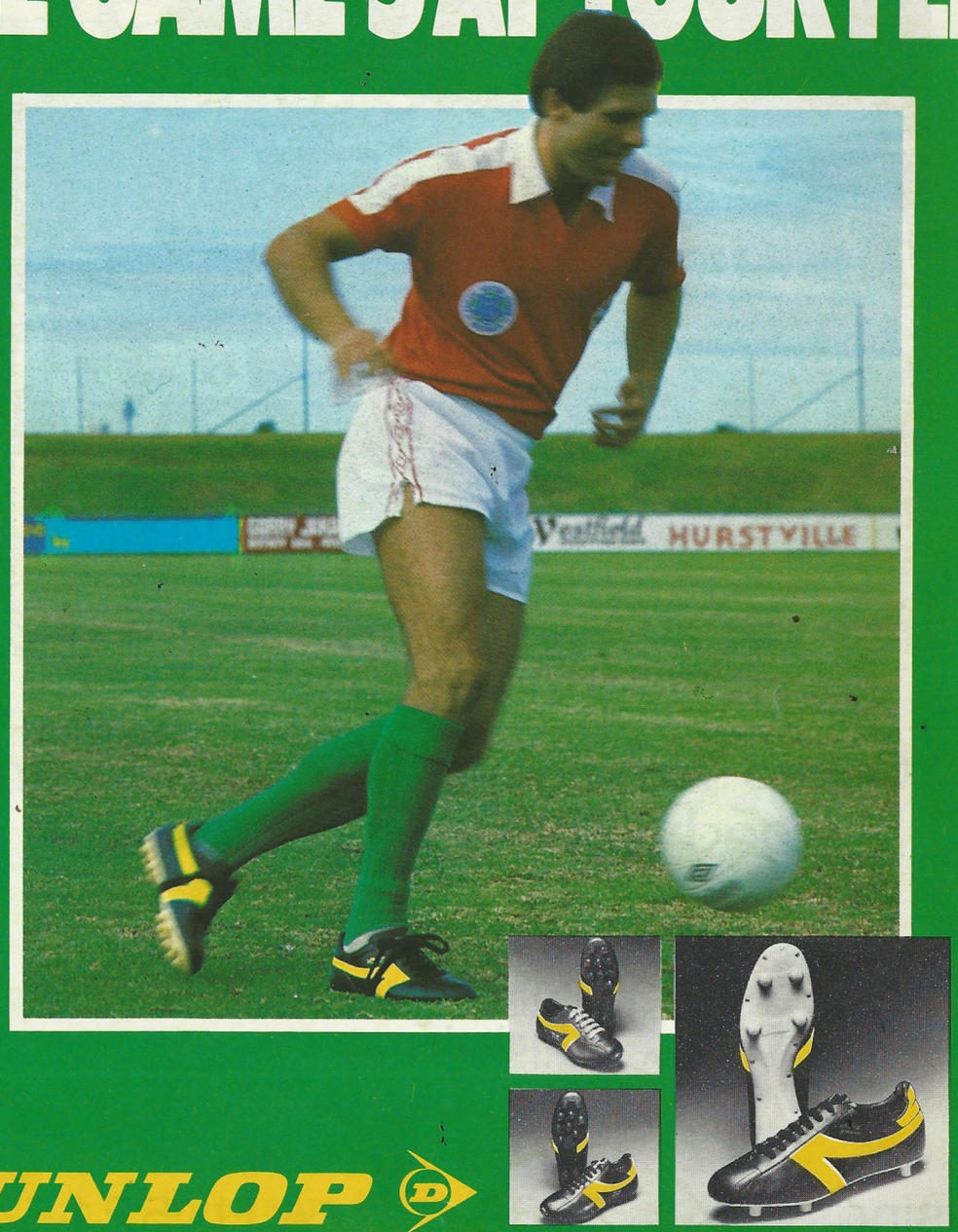

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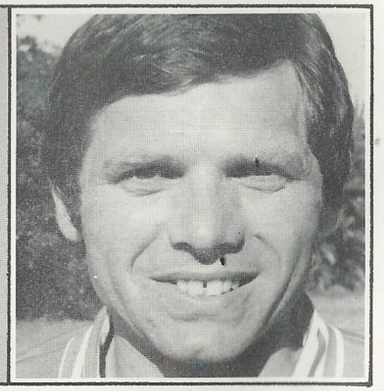

BLANCO'S CORNER

Here we are third on the table after three rounds and I must say I'm much happier than I was after our opening game against Blacktown City.

We have had very encouraging results with wins against Leichhardt and Brisbane City but let's not get too carried away. It is still early days and I would like to make it quite clear that there is a long road ahead.

There is no question that the first loss against Blacktown taught us a lesson. The players got the message about being too lackadaisical. A change in attitude and more determination has pleased me.

But if I'm worried about anything then it is that we still lack a "killer instinct". We beat Leichhardt 1-0 and that was the same result against Brisbane City. Had we accepted all our chances in both games I would have felt more at ease sitting on the bench.

I thought our performance against Brisbane City was even brighter than when we played Leichhardt.

The defence played much better and I must commend Doug Utjesenovic and Dave McIntosh. Doug had an exceptional game. He was super cool and constructive. Dave kept big Kelso under wraps and hardly allowed him a shot at goal. Credit must also go to Peter Terry. He marked Joe Palinkas out of the game.

It was pleasing to see the reports praise our midfielders. I just hope Peter Katholos, Paul Kay and John Davies continue the good work.

At times we slowed down when it wasn't necessary, but I must say I was absolutely delighted with the constructive play, especially in the first half. Conditions were very hot and the boys stuck to the job well.

Our goal came in the 11th minute and was scored by Peter Beggs. I must say it was a wonderful goal and the build up featured something like 10 passes. That's what I like to see.

Today we welcome Canberra City and my very dear friend Vic Fernandez. I would also like to mention the O'Shea brothers. John, Robert and Micheal were wonderful ambassadors when they played for St. George and I wish them every success with their new club.

Canberra had a very fine win against Adelaide City last Sunday and they will command a lot of respect. But at the same time I'm sure that Canberra will have their hands full.

WHERE TO SEE THE SAINTS

Round 5
SUNDAY — APRIL 6
FOOTSCRAY v ST. GEORGE
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Round 6
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SOUTH MELBOURNE	1	1	1	2	2	3
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NEW FACES

DAVIES FACES HARD WORK TO MAKE SOCCEROOS

John Davies believes there is a lot of hard work and dedication ahead if he is to play for Australia again.

Davies, 22, is one of the new faces at St. George this year. The young midfielder who came out from Liverpool, England in 1970 is pleased to be playing with a Sydney club again. John had two seasons with Croatia before the P.S.L. started and then moved back to Canberra where his parents live.

John is on a two year contract with Saints and although he is absolutely thrilled with the professional set up at the club he feels it could be another month before he really settles in.

When Jimmy Shoulder was national coach John played for Australia against Hong Kong and Greece. He has also been given a chance by Rudi Gutendorf, the current national coach. John was used as a substitute in matches against Partizan Belgrade. Gutendorf felt that his work rate wasn't high enough and he has been on the outer since.

But St. George boss Raul Blanco says John has an abundance of talent. So does his former club coach Vic Fernandez at Canberra. "I'd still love to have him," Fernandez says.

Davies realises that being back in Sydney gives a better chance to come under Gutendorf's microscope. "I'd love be part of Australia's World Cup elimination matches," John said. "But to be quite honest I must work harder," he added.

Davies admits that it is a little hard to concentrate on his own game at the moment. "All players are doing a lot more running and covering. It is only natural because of so many new players in the team." he said.

"But once the understanding comes then I'm sure I'll have a lot more freedom," he added. Davies used to have a free role at Canberra.

Are you disappointed with any aspect of your game? "I'd like to be getting into more scoring positions and amongst the goals," he said.

John showed glimpses of his true form in the match against Leichhardt when he combined with Paul Kay in a move which brought the lone goal. Kay found the net, but Davies could prove great value to Saints with his ability to knock in goals from a deep position.

Peter Katholos in action!

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NEW FACES

McINTOSH LOOKS FORWARD TO NEW CHALLENGE

Dave McIntosh has been a "Jack of all Trades" on the soccer field but his favorite role is playing stopper.

McIntosh was the man coach Raul Blanco decided on to plug the gap left vacant by Argentinian Rudi Della Picca. And the big Scotsman hasn't let Saints down!

Dave started his professional career with Dundee at 21. He clearly remembers his first game. "I played centre half and scored the equaliser in our 3-all draw with Celtic," he recalls. Dave played in Dundee's first team on and off for 18 months, then had cartilage problems and was put on a free transfer.

It was through George Blues that Dave joined Sydney Olympic in the first year of the Philips League. He had three seasons with Olympic during which time he played in defence, midfield and in the forward line.

Dave returned home to Scotland on a holiday at the end of last season. When he learned that Olympic had been relegated to the N.S.W. State League he wanted out with them. "All I wanted to do is play P.S.L. and I am so glad that St. George bought me," Dave said.

Dave, 26, is looking forward to his new challenge with Saints. "It is not easy when you join a new club. It does take time to settle in and get to know the boys," he said.

He went on: "For a start the style at Saints is so much different to Olympic.

"They play the ball about at the back and that's something I have to get used to. But I'm glad that I have a good player next to me Doug Utjesenovic."

Are you happy with your game? "I don't think any footballer can always be entirely happy," he said. "I'm reasonably pleased with my defending qualities, but I have given away a few bad back passes which I have to work on. Because Saints move forward I must try and improve my attacking qualities."

What future do you see at Saints?

"I'm sure they'll push on because the players are young and skilful. Winning our home games is half the battle," he said.

TOM MIHAJLOVIC IN ACTION!

Now out of action — Tom received a broken foot in the Leichhardt game.

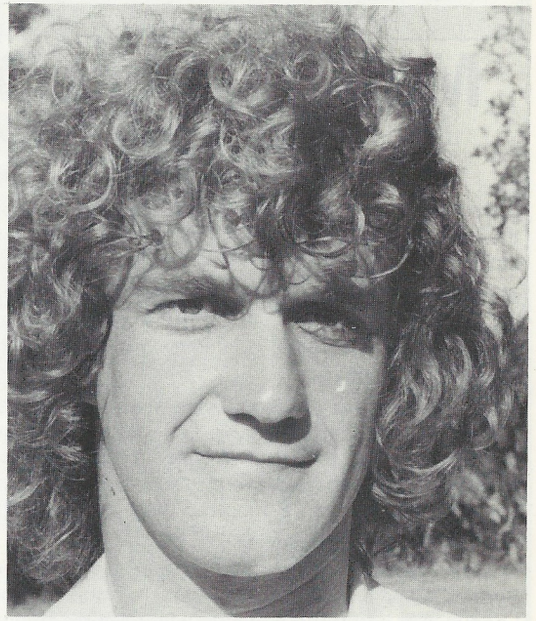
NEW FACES

DON SMITH — Age 23 — Wears No. 12.
If there were any doubts about Don Smith's ability to be the goalkeeper for the St. George side, he's proving to be a wonderful asset to the club.

His abrupt introduction into this No. 1 spot came with the untimely injury to Micheal Fraser, but Don, showing exceptional dedication and putting in long hours of very hard work, training twice a day, is suddenly showing the form that was evident two years ago when he was considered to be one of the most promising goalkeepers in the land.

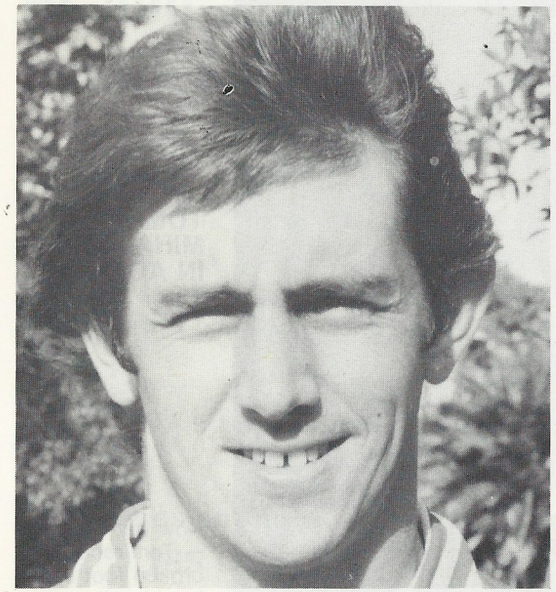
During the last three matches Don has shown vast improvement and with every match his performance has a lot to do with the wonderful form shown by the team in the last few weeks.

Fulfilling his role as the teams' No. 1 keeper at the moment produces a lot of pressure but Don is handling it admirably and has earned the respect and admiration of all.



PETER TERRY — Age 21 — Wears No. 3
Peter is a product of the St. George district having played all his junior soccer here. He joined St. George in 1975.

He has wonderful ability for a defender and is a very modern and attacking fullback with excellent shot and great skills. He is very cool under pressure, and a very dedicated player who coach Raul Blanco believes has the talent to be a future international.



We asked Peter what his views were for the team for 1980. He replied, "I believe we can look forward to a very good season. We have a very young team but they are skilful and very dedicated players. The points earned in our early matches have given the team confidence in themselves, and that confidence will play a vital part in keeping us going."

When asked what advice could he give to the young junior players of St. George, he having been one, he answered "If they are keen enough to continue playing and aim for the top they shouldn't really look to any other club than St. George. Here we have the finest set up in Australia, and junior clubs should encourage their players to play representitive or inter-district football if they are good enough. The kids will only get better if they play in the best competition."

That's good advice to the youngsters for Peter knows what it is to strive for the top. He had a most frustrating season last year, after only a few matches he was injured and out for some time — his sidelining coincided with Raul Blanco's arrival to the club and whilst he had to be content to wait until his injury healed, he said he always felt confident he'd be back in there for the 1980 season under Blanco's guidance.

"I had time on my side" he said "and I was really looking forward to being coached by Raul. He has a very professional approach and I have the greatest respect for his methods."

MATCH OF THE DAY

ST. GEORGE

12. Don SMITH (Goalkeeper)
2. Nigel GROOME
15. Dave McINTOSH
5. Doug UTJESENOVIC
3. Peter TERRY
10. Peter KATHOLOS
7. Paul KAY
8. John DAVIES
18. Dennis DUARTE
9. Peter BEGGS
14. Billy GRIFFITHS

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VIC NEEDS POINTS AFTER CANBERRA'S BIG SPLURGE

Vic Fernandez still holds a place in his heart for St. George.

It was the St. George Club which brought Vic to Australia in 1963. Fernandez was known to Sydney soccer fans in the 1960's as "Mr. Football". He had seven memorable years with St. George. Vic played in New Zealand and again in Argentina before he returned to Saints in 1975. He then coached the club's second grade team and played as well. In 1977 Vic joined forces with another St. George great Johnny Warren in Canberra. Warren, of course, was Canberra City's manager-coach in the first year of the PSL and Vic was his assistant.

Vic returns to Sydney today but this time as the boss of Canberra City. Vic is in the "hot seat" and anxious for results because the club spent lavishly and paid out almost $90,000 on players this year.

Canberra, like St. George, had a nightmare opening to their 1980 campaign. Both teams lost by a similar margin of 4-2 . . . Canberra to Lions and Saints to newcomers Blacktown.

The following week Saints bounced back to beat Leichhardt, but because of a lightning strike by Canberra airport refuelers Vic's boys couldn't make it to Melbourne to play Footscray.

"We'll have to start firing soon," Vic said this week. "There's tremendous pressure on the boys to get results," he added.

Canberra's new recruits this season are the O'Shea brothers, John, Robert and Michael — and St. George fans have seen them play before. The O'Shea's are all St. George products. St. George coach Raul Blanco insists that he didn't want to lose the trio but their demands forced the club to release them.

John O'Shea is Canberra's new captain and the midfield general. Robert has been playing as sweeper and Michael at fullback.

But now that Roy Stark and Danny Moulis are back Michael reverts to the bench. Stark and Moulis give solidarity to the defence. "We made a lot of errors in our first game because Stark and Moulis were not there," Vic said.

"I'd really love to get my best team on the park. This problem with the two New Zealand boys isn't helping," he said. Goalkeeper Richard Wilson and midfield Duncan Cole are New Zealand internationals. The wrangle concerns money and Canberra are still waiting for a final verdict from FIFA.

Other newcomers to Canberra are Tony Brennan, Sebastian Giampaolo and Walter Valeri — all talented strikers.

Brennan, the coloured striker who played for Brisbane Lions, has taken longer to settle in than Fernandez had hoped. "But we've got Tony a job now and hopefully he'll reveal his true ability," Fernandez said.

Giampaolo and Valeri are both former State League players with Inter Monaro. Good strikers are few and far between in this country and Canberra feel they have a bonus in these two players.

Giampaolo played for Australia against Greece when Jimmy Shoulder was national coach. It has been said that Giampaolo has a reluctance to train hard, but according to Fernandez that is not so. "I have been greatly impressed with Sabastian's attitude at training," Fernandez said. "Walter is taking a little longer to come along," he said.

St. George fans surely can't forget the name Harry Williams. Harry is another who gave Saints fine service and is now playing for Canberra. Fernandez remarks: "If Harry continues to play the way he is I wouldn't be surprised to see him back in the national team."

On the score of results in three years of the PSL St. George has the slight edge. Saints have won two, lost one and drawn three matches with Canberra.

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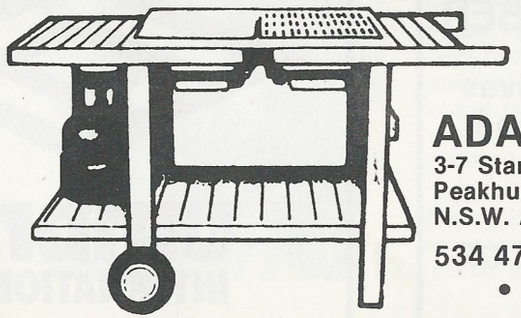

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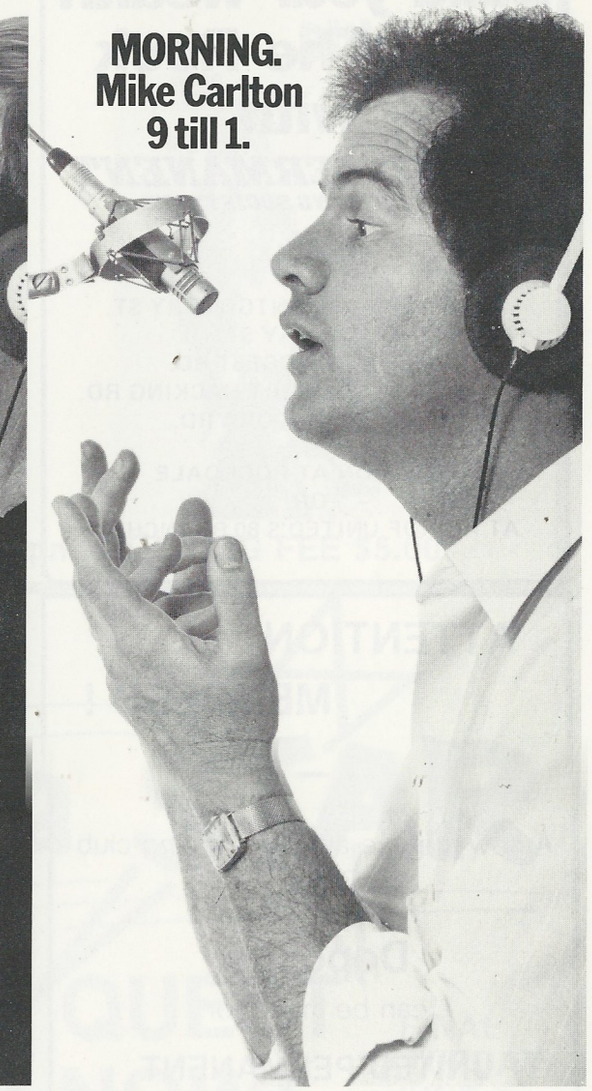

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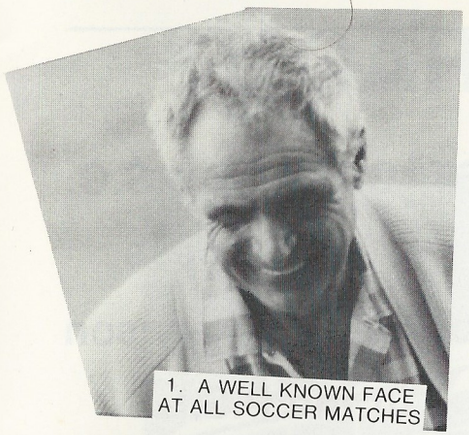

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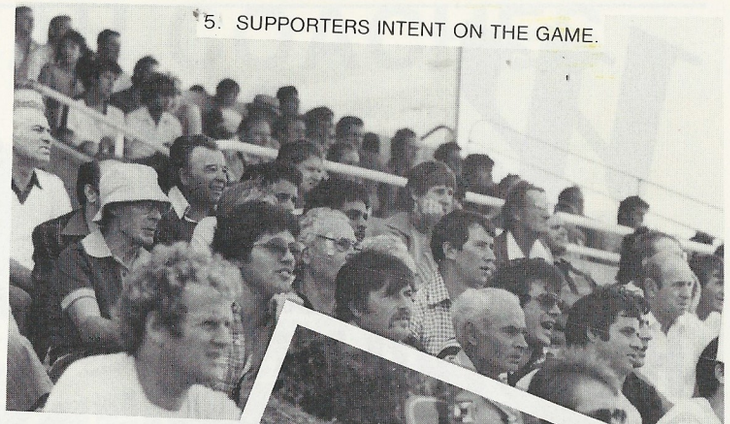

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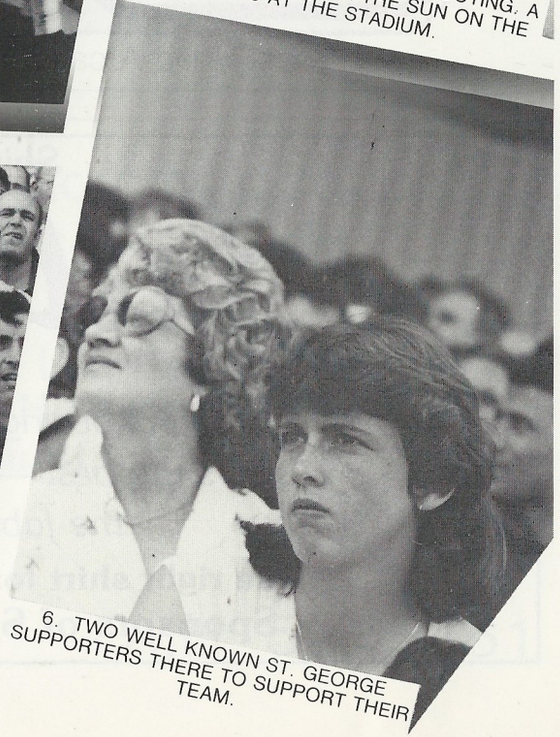

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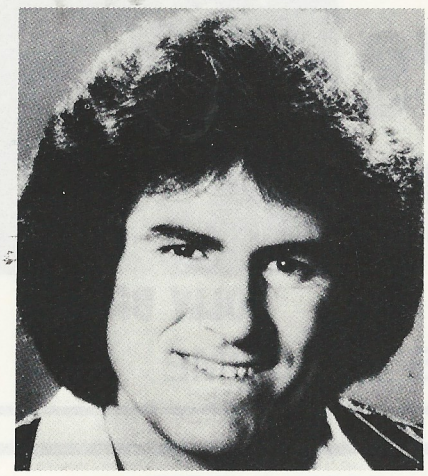

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